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For: **Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase
Kinase MEK6 and Variants Thereof**

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Final Office Action, dated June 4, 2002, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks below in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith (a) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet; (b) Exhibit A, a marked-up version of the paragraph of the specification amended herein below; (c) Exhibit B, a clean version of the replacement paragraph in the specification upon entry of the amendments made herein; (d) Exhibit C, a marked up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein; (e) Exhibit D, a copy of the claims that will be pending upon entry of the amendments made herein; (f) a Notice of Appeal with the appropriate accompanying fee; and (g) a Petition to Extend Time.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A marked up version of the following amended paragraph is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Matter that has been added to the paragraph is indicated by underlining.